

Minute of the Meeting of Flotta Community Council held in the Community Centre on Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 16:00

Present:

Mr D Hourston, Mr N Cheeseman, Mrs P Gee, Mr M Howe, Mrs H Howe, Mr C Mullins and Ms I Smith.

In Attendance:

- Councillor R Crichton.
- Mrs J Montgomery, Empowering Communities Liaison Officer/Interim Clerk.

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1. Apologies

Resolved to note that apologies had been intimated on behalf of Councillors J Stockan and M Thomson.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The Minute of the meeting held on 2 May 2019 was approved by members, being proposed by Ms I Smith and seconded by Mr C Mullins.

3. 13 and 14 Burnside

Following a short discussion regarding the requirements for reconsideration for the upgrading of the houses, it was:

Resolved that the Clerk would ask the tenderers if they could provide a detailed breakdown of their tender to enable members to reconsider the work required.

4. Matters Arising

A. Orkney Ferries – Car Park

After hearing a report from the Clerk advising member that a response was awaited, it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report.

B. Flotta Play Park

Members heard that the equipment had arrived and permission had been granted by OIC for the installation of the equipment. Members also discussed the purchase of the area of land, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and to progress with the Community Asset Transfer for the purchase of the land and that Councillor Crichton would make enquiries.

C. Your Island, Your Choice Application

Members were advised that the application had been successful, and that the money had been deposited in the Flotta Community Association bank account. They were also advised that the treadmill had been purchased and installed, and that the second project still had to be started, and it was:

Resolved to note the content of the report and that arrangements for the second project were in order.

D. Flotta 10k

Members were advised that a steering group had been formed to organise the Flotta 10k and that arrangements were progressing with the route being marked, fun day equipment being arranged and sports day races to be included, with medals being presented to winners. The Community Council agreed to fund the cost of the bouncy castle and to provide funds for petty cash, and it was resolved:

1. To note the content of the report.
2. To submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application for the cost of equipment once known.
3. To make a donation of £100 for petty cash for the event.

E. Inter-Isles Transport

The Transport Representative reported that the meeting had not been a productive use of time as much of the information from the previous meeting was presented again, and it was:

Resolved to note the Transport Representative's comments.

F. Community Council Newsletter

Following discussion regarding the provision of a newsletter for the island, members were of the opinion that all the main groups could be involved and that it should be a community newsletter rather than a community council newsletter, and it was resolved:

1. To raise the matter for further discussion in the next Public Meeting held in the island.
2. That the Community Council would consider covering the cost of producing the newsletter.

G. Putting Green

Members were informed that two individuals had volunteered to cut the grass and that extensive work was required to repair the green. The provision of gates was also discussed, and it was resolved:

1. That the Community Council would decide on the gate requirements, which would include one large gate, post and a pedestrian gate and subsequently purchase as required.
2. The Clerk would submit a Community Council Grant Scheme application for the cost of the gates and materials.
3. That a tonne of both topsoil and sand should be ordered from Orkney Aggregates for repair of the green.
4. That, once the holes had been filled, a heavy roller would be accessed to flatten the green.
5. To note that, if the above was successful, further topsoil and sand could be ordered.

5. Correspondence

A. Orkney Native Wildlife Project

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Native Wildlife Project, copies of which had previously been circulated, introducing the new Biosecurity Officer and enquiring about suitable dates to attend a Community Council meeting, it was:

Resolved to pass the details to the Community Association.

B. Insurance Policy

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had previously been circulated, advising members of details of the Community Council's insurance, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence and that no amendments were required.

C. Annual Accounts

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services, copies of which had been previously circulated, regarding the Community Council's Annual Accounts for 2018-2019, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

D. Headstone Reinstatement

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding the Council's progress on headstone reinstatement works, it was resolved:

1. To note that no headstones had been taken down in Flotta.
2. That no safety notices had been provided, and the Community Council would like to request safety notices from Orkney Islands Council.

E. THAW Orkney

Following consideration of correspondence from THAW Orkney, copies of which had previously been circulated, regarding advertising a meeting on the 26 July 2019, it was:

Resolved that the Community Council was not involved and that they should contact Flotta Community Association.

F. Robert Gordon University

Following consideration of correspondence from Orkney Project Development Manager, Robert Gordon University, regarding a new project proposal investigating factors influencing health and wellbeing in Orkney, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

G. Flotta Heritage Trust

Following consideration for correspondence from Flotta Heritage Trust thanking members for the Bag the Bruck donation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

H. Christmas Tree Lighting

Following consideration of correspondence from Democratic Services regarding the Event Management Plan for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies in December, it was:

Resolved that the date for the ceremony would be Saturday 7 December 2019, and the Clerk would complete the Event Management Plan before the specified deadline.

6. Consultation Documents

A. Draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1

Following consideration of the Consultation on the draft Orkney Harbours Masterplan Phase 1, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

B. Orkney Health and Care's Draft Strategic Plan

Following consideration of the Orkney Health and Care Draft Strategic Plan Consultation, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was resolved:

1. To note the contents of the correspondence.
2. That members wished to raise concerns about the possible effects of community-led support on a small island community.

C. Winter Service Plan 2018/2019

Following consideration of the Winter Service Plan 2018/2019, copies of which had previously been circulated, it was:

Resolved to note that members had no comments to make.

D. West Test Site, Billia Croo

Following consideration of the Billia Croo, West Test Site Application, it was:

Resolved to email the details to members.

7. Financial Statements

A. General Fund

After consideration of the General Fund statement as at 9 July 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £30,512.49.

B. Burnside Account

After consideration of the Burnside statement as at 9 July 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £8,665.39.

C. Wind Power Fund

After consideration of the Wind Power Fund statement as at 9 July 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance was £9,981.77.

D. Community Council Grant Scheme

After consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 9 July 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £311.67 in the main capping limit, £662 remained available in the additional capping limit and £342 remained available in the island capping limit.

E. Community Development Fund

Following consideration of the Community Development Fund statement as at 9 July 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining available for allocation was £5,980.51.

F. Seed Corn Fund

Following consideration of the Seed Corn Fund statement as at 9 July 2019, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining available for allocation was £3,161.

8. Financial Request - Voluntary Action Orkney (VAO)

Following consideration of correspondence received from VAO regarding renewing the Community Council's annual subscription, it was:

Resolved to renew the annual subscription at a cost of £15.

9. Publications

The following publications were noted by the Community Council:

- Orkney Ferry Statistics – April 2019.
- Orkney Marine Planning Update – June 2019.
- VAO Newsletter – April, May, June and July 2019.
- VAO – Training and Funding.
- Scottish Water Newsletter – June 2019.
- Orkney Health Walks.
- Scottish Health Council.

10. Reports from Representatives

A. Transport

Resolved to note that there were no transport matters to report.

B. Planning

Resolved to note that there were no planning matters to report.

11. Any Other Competent Business

A. Flotta Toilets at the Pier

Members were advised that a visit had been made to repair the toilet; however, they did not have replacement parts to complete the repair and the work remained outstanding, and it was:

Resolved that Councillor R Crichton would follow this up and the Clerk would report it as well.

B. Scrap Cars

Following discussion of the scrap car scheme and various vehicles remaining on the island, it was:

Resolved that Mr M Howe would renew notice with a closing date before the end of August.

12. Dates of Next Meeting

Following consideration of the date for the next meeting, it was:

Resolved that the next meeting of Flotta Community Council would be held on Thursday 26 September 2019 at 16:00.

13. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 18:30.